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Serial Number: 10/790,550	Examiner: Quoc Dinh Hoang
Filed: 3/01/2004	Group Art Unit: 2818
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005.

The Examiner in the aforementioned Office Action has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, stating that the claims belong to:

GROUP I, Claims 14-20, drawn to an FET device, and

GROUP II, Claims 1-13, drawn to a process of making an FET device.

Applicants traverse the aforementioned Restriction Requirement for the following reason:

Applicants submit that the claims as filed are related as a process of fabricating a Field-Effect Transistor. The Restriction Requirement justifies the restriction by vaguely stating that "the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different products", but fails to list any such "other and materially different products". Thus, Applicants deem that both Groups I and II are one and the same, and they do not fit the criteria for restriction. Accordingly, it is believed that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Notwithstanding the foregoing arguments, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of GROUP II, consisting of Claims 1-13 drawn to the process, and withdraw from consideration the claims forming GROUP I, as being drawn to non-elected. invention, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to file a Divisional or Continuation or Continuation-in-Part Patent Application for the withdrawn claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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